

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kinya Ono
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STENCIL MATERIAL AND STENCIL
MATERIAL ROLL
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2008, setting a one-month period for reply.

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2008, wherein restriction was required as follows:

Group I, claims 9-14, drawn to a stencil material conveyor system.

Species a, the use of a temperature detecting means and the working speed is controlled on the basis of the working environmental temperature of the thermal head.

Claim 10 corresponds to species a.

Species b, the use of a stencil material kind obtaining means and the working speed is controlled on the basis of the kind of stencil material. Claims 11 and 12 correspond to species b.

Species c, the use of a thermal head kind obtaining means and the working speed is controlled on the basis of the kind of thermal head. Claim 13 corresponds to species c. Claim 9 is generic.


Group II – claims 15-17, drawn to a stencil material roll.

While Applicant does not necessarily concur with the Examiner's characterization of the invention and the claims, nevertheless, Applicants elect, **without traverse**, and in order to expedite examination and allowance, the invention of Group I, claims 9-14 and species b, the use of a stencil material kind obtaining means and the working speed is controlled on the basis of the kind of stencil material (claims 11 and 12) for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicant reserves the right to present the non-elected claims in a divisional application for further prosecution.

Any fee occasioned by this paper may be charged, or overpayment credited to, Deposit Account No. 50-0320. An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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